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In re Application of:

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AUTOMATED SYNTHESIS OF
ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS

Patent Examiner: Ferris III, Fred O.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated July 21, 2006, the applicant hereby requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following.

The drawings stand objected to for not showing every feature of the claims. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. 6,728,666 and over claims 1-35 of U.S. 6,526,556. Claims 12, 14, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Finally, claims 1-20 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Levi et al. (U.S. 6,378,122) in view of Sourgen (U.S. 5,258,947) in further view of Layzell, "A New Research Tool for Intrinsic Hardware Evolution," ICSE98, 1998.